

CITY OF MIAMI BEACH
Office of the City Manager
Letter to Commission No. 063-2004



To: Mayor David Dermer and
Members of the City Commission

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From: Jorge M. Gonzalez *JMG For*
City Manager

Subject: **STOLEN RESIDENTIAL PARKING VISITOR HANG-TAGS**

The Parking and Police Departments recently noticed an increased trend in stolen residential parking hang-tags over the last eight months. There have been 62 reported incidents of lost or stolen residential hang-tags during this period. Most of these have occurred in Residential Parking Permit Zone Two (Flamingo Park) and only a handful have occurred elsewhere. Both the Police and Parking Departments are taking proactive steps to prevent these crimes including; instilling officer awareness so that there is keener scrutiny of hang-tags; creation of a stolen hang-tag "blacklist"; and longer term solutions regarding control issues such as hang-tag usage, shelf life, and technology enhancements to improve enforcement efforts.

Recently, the media (Miami Herald and WFOR-4/CBS) inquired as to this issue. The Police and Parking Departments granted interview; therefore, this issue should receive some level of media exposure hopefully raising citizens' awareness to this issue. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to contact me.

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